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BY-LAWS OF THE CORPORATION

OF THE

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

SECT. I. — OF MEMBERS.

1. To remove all doubt or ambiguity concerning the present constitution of the Corporation, it is hereby declared, that those only are members of the Corporation who were members of the Government of the Institute on the 20th day of March, 1869, when the last act in relation to the Institute was passed by the Legislature, and those who have since been elected members of the Government in pursuance of the former By-Laws of the Corporation.

2. No new members shall be elected till the number of members of the Corporation is reduced below thirty-six; exclusive of the President, Secretary and Treasurer, and those who are *ex officio* members; and thereafter the members of the Corporation shall not exceed thirty-six in number.

3. Whenever vacancies shall occur by the death, resignation or removal of those who are now members of the Corporation, or who shall have become such, in pursuance of the By-Laws, such vacancies shall be filled by election by the remaining members as hereinafter provided.

4. Members of the Corporation shall hereafter be elected by ballot. No election for members shall be held unless notice shall have been inserted in the notifications of the meeting, that a vacancy in the Corporation is to be filled.

5. No person shall be deemed to be duly elected who does not receive the votes of a majority of all the members of the Corporation.

6. Any member of the Corporation may be removed by the votes of a majority of all the members of the Corporation at a meeting called for the purpose. No such removal shall be made unless notice of the object of the meeting is inserted in the notifications by which the meeting is called.

SECT. II. — OF MEETINGS.

7. Stated meetings of the Corporation shall be held on the second Wednesday of October, December, February, April and May. The May meeting shall be the annual meeting, and shall be held at the Institute.

8. Special meetings of the Corporation may be called whenever the President may think it expedient, or on a written request signed by six members of the Corporation and presented to the Secretary.

9. Notices of meetings of the Corporation shall in all cases be given by written or printed notifications, addressed to each member and transmitted to him through the Post Office or otherwise, at least three days before the day named for the meeting.

10. Twelve members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except in cases where a different provision is made by the By-Laws.

SECT. III. — ORGANIZATION AND POWERS.

11. To carry out the plan of organization developed by Prof. W. B. Rogers in a report entitled "Objects and Plan of an Institute of Technology," adopted Oct. 5th, 1860, and afterwards, April 10th, 1861, embodied in the Act of Incorporation, the Institute shall consist of three departments, viz. :—

First. A School of Industrial Science, in which regular courses of instruction shall be given to pupils, by lectures, recitations, laboratory work, and other approved methods of teaching in the various applied sciences, in the modern languages and literature, in the arts of drawing and design, and in such other branches of learning as may hereafter be designated by the Corporation.

Second. A Museum of Technology, embracing materials, models, implements, machinery, and products of all the practical arts and sciences.

Third. A Society of Arts, for the advancement of the industrial arts and sciences, and the diffusion of useful facts and discoveries relating to them by means of researches, essays, discussions and publications.

12. All the power and authority vested in the Corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth shall be exercised only under and by virtue of votes passed at meetings of the Corporation duly called, except where a special delegation of power or authority is conferred by the By-Laws.

SECT. IV. — OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES ;
THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES.

13. The officers of the Institute shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be *ex officiis* members of the Corporation. The President and Secretary shall be chosen by ballot at a meeting called for that purpose, and shall hold office until they resign or are removed, but no such removal shall be made unless notice of the object of the meeting is inserted in the notifications by which the meeting is called.

A majority of the votes of all the members of the Corporation shall be requisite for the choice of a President and Secretary, and also for their removal from office.

The Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the Corporation.

There shall also be elected by ballot at the annual meeting the following Standing Committees, viz. : —

A Committee on the School of Industrial Science ;

A Committee on the Museum ;

A Committee on the Society of Arts ;

A Committee on Finance ; each of which shall organize by the choice of its own Chairman, and shall fix the number of its own quorum.

14. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation ; he shall be, *ex officio*, a member of the several Standing Committees and Chairman of the Faculty of the School of Industrial Science ; he shall, under the direction of the Corporation, have the general superintendence of the several departments of the Institute, and shall act as the general executive and administrative officer of the Corporation.

15. In case of a vacancy in the office of President, or of his absence or inability to act, a President *pro tempore* may be chosen by the Corporation, if deemed expedient. Such President *pro tempore* shall be chosen by ballot, and shall be charged with the performance of the duties of President, or of such of them as the Corporation may prescribe. If not a member of the Corporation, he shall attend its meetings during his continuance in office.

16. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to give notice of and attend all meetings of the Corporation and the Standing Committees, to keep a record of the business and orders of each meeting, and read the same at the next meeting; to conduct the correspondence of the Corporation unless otherwise ordered; to keep a list of the members of the Corporation and of the Society of Arts; to make out and collect all bills under the direction of the Treasurer; to notify officers and members of their election, and of their appointment on Committees; to prepare, under the direction of the President, an Annual Report of the transactions and condition of the Institute; and generally to devote his best efforts to forwarding the business and advancing the interests of the Institute.

17. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all moneys received and expended for the use of the Institute; and shall make disbursements only upon vouchers countersigned by the President of the Corporation. He shall give in writing to the Corporation, at the annual meeting, and oftener if required, a full account of the financial condition of the Institute.

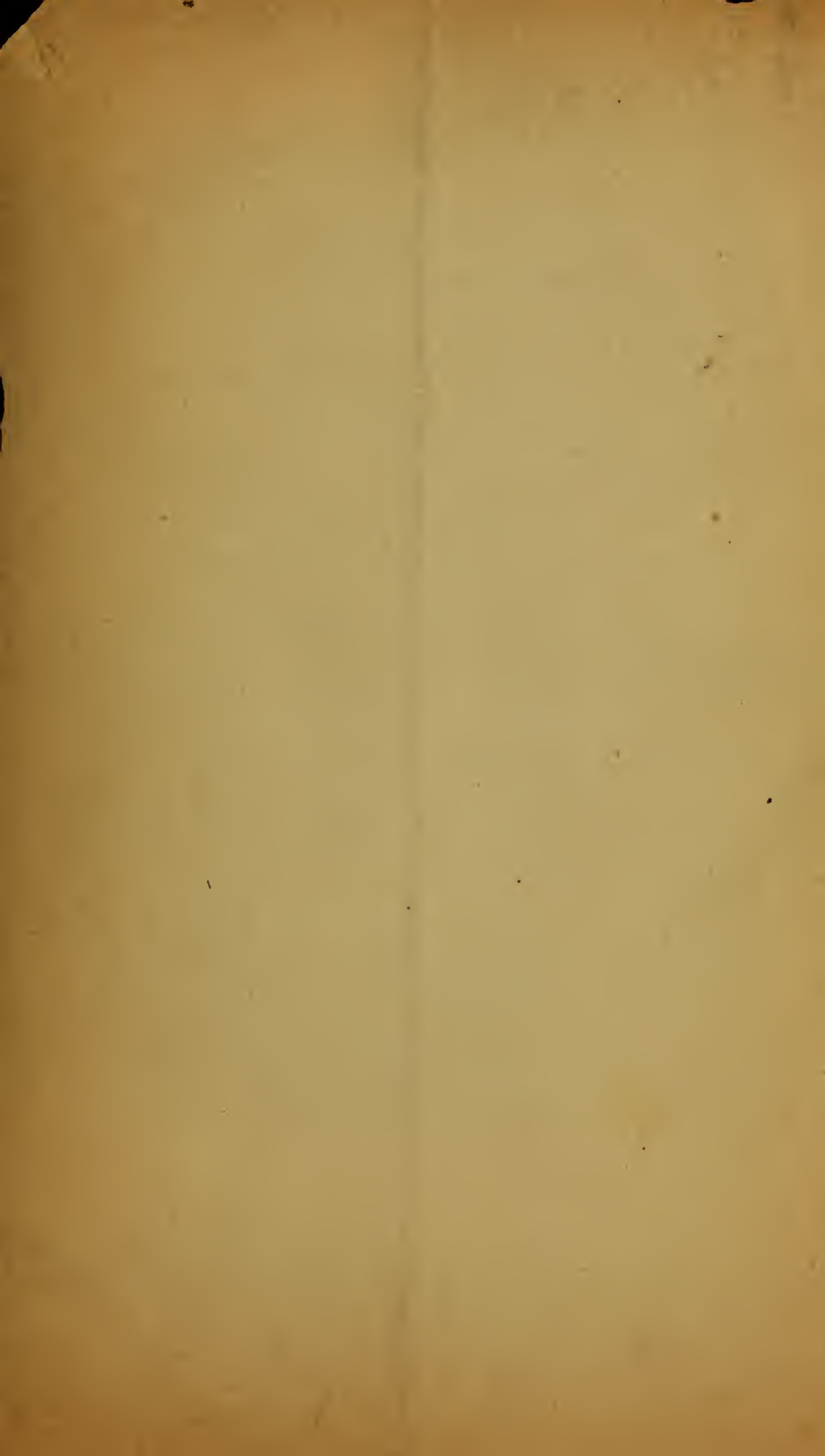
18. The Committee on the "School of Industrial Science" shall consist of ten members. It shall be their duty to select and nominate to the Corporation for its approval all

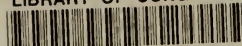
Professors and teachers and other persons employed in that department; to recommend to the Corporation their rate of compensation; to control and supervise the courses of study and instruction which shall be recommended by the Faculty, and the method of discipline to be observed in the conduct of the school, and to take the general charge and direction of the organization and affairs of the school, subject to the approval of the Corporation.

19. The Committee on the Museum shall consist of ten members. It shall be their duty to select and nominate to the Corporation all persons to be employed in that department; to have the special care and supervision of the models, apparatus and other property therein; to recommend to the Corporation all additions thereto, which they may think proper; to grant permission for the use of any apparatus, models or other articles in the school; and to have the general charge of the department, subject to the approval of the Corporation.

20. The Committee on the Society of Arts shall consist of ten members, who shall have the general charge and supervision of the organization and proceedings of the Society, subject to the approval of the Corporation. It shall be their duty, in connection with a duly chosen Committee of the same number of members of the Society, to form from time to time By-Laws for the government of the Society, which shall take effect when approved by the Corporation and adopted by the Society.

21. The Committee on Finance shall consist of six members. It shall be their duty to supervise all the financial affairs of the Corporation; to direct the Treasurer in the discharge of his duties; to approve all bills against the Corporation; to see that no money is expended unless





duly appropriated, and to keep the Corporation advised of all matters connected with the finances, which it may be proper for them to know and act upon.

22. At the annual meeting there shall be appointed an Auditing Committee of three members, to examine the books and vouchers of the Treasurer for the ensuing year, and make report at the next annual meeting.

23. The By-Laws may be amended or repealed, and other provisions added, by a vote of a majority of all the members of the Corporation; provided that notice of such amendment or repeal shall have been presented in writing at a preceding stated meeting of the Corporation.

24. All By-Laws and regulations inconsistent with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

25. These By-Laws shall take effect immediately.

These By-Laws were unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Corporation, held July 23d, 1870.

SAMUEL KNEELAND,

Secretary.

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